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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Final Office Action (Paper No. 14) mailed on June 14, 2002 in the above-captioned patent application. Applicants respectfully request entry of the following remarks and reconsideration of the application.

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

Claims 13-24 are pending in the application. Claims 13-24 are rejected under § 112.¹ Claims 13-14 and 16-19 are rejected under § 102(b). Claims 13-24 are rejected under § 103(a). In view of the following remarks, Applicants request reconsideration of the claim rejections and reexamination of the application.

¹ On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 14-24 under 112, second paragraph. However, the Examiner's discussion indicates that claim 13 is included in the rejection under 112, second paragraph. Applicants request a phone call from the Examiner if this is incorrect.

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